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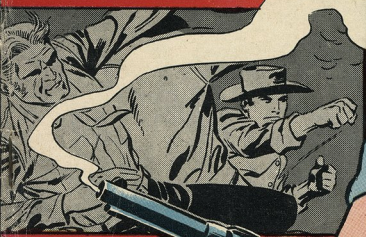
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AND OUTLAW'S LEAD,
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FOUGHT THE GANG WHO
GRABBED THE
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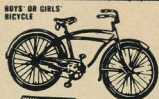
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CHEYENNE KID

in **STOLEN EMPIRE**

NOT EVEN THE RATTLESNAKES WOULD LIVE ON THE BARREN, LIFELESS LAND THAT BELONGED TO THE TRIBE! THEY HAD THE DEED TO STINKING, ARID LAND THAT GREW NOTHING! YET, RUTHLESS MEN WOULD STOP AT NOTHING TO GET IT... AND ALMOST HAD IT UNTIL THE CHEYENNE KID STEPPED IN...



STAND BACK, CHEYENNE! NO SADDLE TRAMP CAN STOP ME FROM TAKIN' OVER THE INDIANS' GRANT!

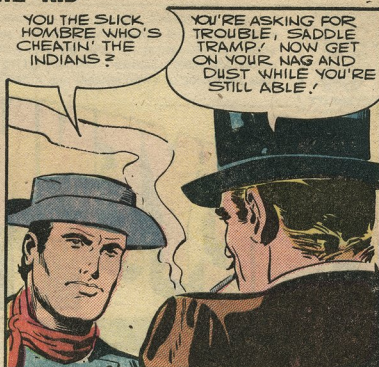
PART I

CHEYENNE HADN'T SEEN SOME OF THE WARRIORS AT GREASY FLATS IN YEARS! HE'D HUNTED WITH THEM IN HIS YOUTH WHEN THE TRIBE HAD ADOPTED HIM AFTER HIS CAPTURE...



THEY HAD LITTLE BEFORE-- NOW THEY HAVE NOTHING! SOME OF THE WARRIORS TRADED THEIR MARK ON A PAPER FOR WHITE MAN'S TOYS THAT ARE WORTHLESS!

CHEYENNE KID



CHEYENNE KNEW THE MAN'S TYPE... THE KIND WHO'S BEEN LYING TO AND CHEATING HIS RED FRIENDS SINCE THE FRONTIER EXISTED! HE TURNED AND...



CHEYENNE KID

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU CROOKS FOUND ON MY FRIENDS' LAND BUT YOU'RE NOT STEALIN' ANY MORE! BEAT IT!

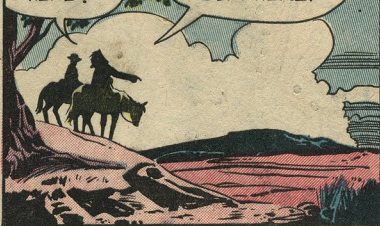
YOU WON'T STOP US, MISTER! COME ON, LOBO, WE'LL BE BACK!



CHEYENNE WAS PUZZLED! THE LAND THEY FOUGHT OVER WOULDN'T GROW A BLADE OF GRASS...

THEY KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T, ANGRY BEAR! WHAT'S VALUABLE HERE?

NOTHING! EVEN A SNAKE WOULDN'T LIVE HERE! IT SMELLS BAD TOO! IT IS WHY WE INDIANS WERE SENT HERE!



IT SMELLS... IT SMELLS OILY!

IT BURNS LIKE WATER IN TRADER'S LAMP! SEE!



IT IS OIL! THE GREAT WHITE FATHER HAS GIVEN YOU A FORTUNE! YOU AND ALL IN YOUR TRIBE ARE RICH, ANGRY BEAR!

CHEYENNE CHECKED THE INDIANS' TITLE TO THE LAND AT ONCE! THE TITLES WERE GOOD! HE SENT A WIRE TO AN HONEST OILMAN THAT HE KNEW AND WAITED...

IT'S TOO QUIET! AN' I NOTICED THE RAINNY LEAVIN' THE HOTEL WALK CLEAR AROUND ME! TROUBLE'S COMIN'...



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AMBUSHED-- BUT I RECKON I'M SAFE NOW!
ANGRY BEAR 'LL HANDLE HIM!



WHAT DO WITH
THIS MAN,
CHEYENNE?

KEEP HIM AWAY FROM
ME, MISTER! I GOT
NO FIGHT WITH HIM!



YOU DRYGULCH ME,
YOU HAVE A FIGHT WITH
THEM! THEY ARE
MY FRIENDS!

GO TELL RAYBERT THAT HIS PLAN
FAILED! THE INDIANS WILL KEEP
THE BLACK GOLD OF THE DESERT
FOR THEMSELVES!



CHEYENNE'S FRIEND, OIL-
MAN SAM HOBART, WAS
POPEYED WHEN HE SAW
THE OILY SANDS...

THIS'LL BE
THE BIG-
GEST OIL
STRIKE
EVER!
YOU'LL
BE RICH,
CHEYENNE!

NOT ME,
HOBART, MY
INDIAN PALS!
TREAT THEM
RIGHT, SAM!
THEY'RE LIKE
KIDS IN
BUSINESS--
BUT THEY
FIGHT LIKE
MEN!



AMBUSH! EAT SAND,
HOBART, EVEN IF
IT IS OILY!

ZING!



THE CHEYENNE KID AND SAM
HOBART DUG IN FAST! AT
LEAST SIX MEN WERE
FIRING...

LOOKS BAD,
SAM! EVERY
TIME I GET A
SHOT OFF, SIX
MORE FLY BACK
AT ME! BUT
DON'T WORRY!

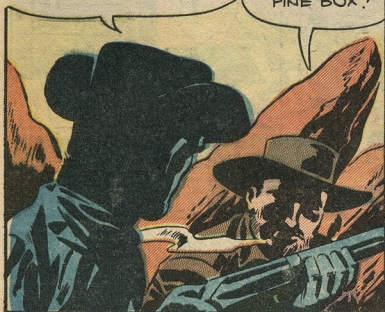
DON'T
WORRY,
HE
SAYS!
WE'RE
COOKED
AN' YOU
KNOW
IT!



CHEYENNE KID

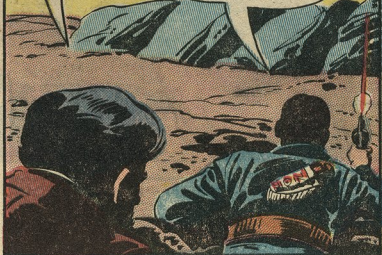
WHAT ARE WE WAITIN' FOR?
LET'S GET 'EM AND GO
COLLECT OUR DOUGH.

GET DOWN
OR YUH'LL
COLLECT A
PINE BOX.



YOU ONLY
WINGED 'IM.
KID, YOU
MUST BE
NERVOUS.

NOPE -- I AIMED TUH
WING HIM. WE'LL
BE ALL RIGHT
SOON. I SAW
SMOKE JUST
NOW. INDIAN
TALK.



THE
TRACKLESS
DESERT
WASN'T
AS
EMPTY
AS IT
SEEMED.
RAYBERT'S
Hired
GUN -
SLINGERS
FOUND
THAT
OUT A
MOMENT
LATER...

LOOK OUT! INJUNS!
GET 'EM BEFORE...

WHITE MAN
LOOKS AND
DOESN'T SEE!
I TAKE GUN!

I'LL MAKE A
GOOD INJUN
OUT OF...
LUNGH!



DON'T LET
THESE BRAVES
GET US,
MISTER!

I'LL GIVE YOU MEN A
CHANCE. GET ON YOUR
HORSES AND LEAVE THE
COUNTRY. IF YOU TRY
TO GET TO RAYBERT FOR
NEW ORDERS, THEY'LL
GET YOU AGAIN. AN'
I WON'T BE AROUND!



LATER, IN TOWN...

WELL, MY OIL RIGS
ARE ON THE WAY.
I'LL GET THE OIL IF
YOU KEEP THIS
SNAKE OFF
MY BACK!

I'LL HANDLE HIM!
LET'S SEE WHAT
KIND OF A CROOKED
DEAL HE
OFFERS NOW!



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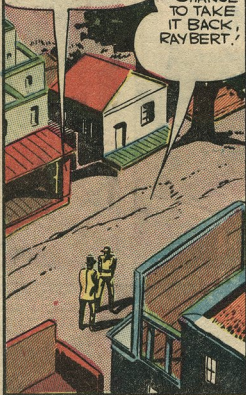
I APOLOGIZE, CHEYENNE / I MISJUDGED YOU / THINGS WILL BE DIFFERENT FROM NOW ON!

SPIT IT OUT, RAYBERT! / I HATE TO BE SEEN IN BAD COMPANY LIKE THIS!



I'M GOING TO CUT YOU IN AS A FULL PARTNER / HERE, THIS IS A DOWN PAYMENT!

I'LL GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO TAKE IT BACK, RAYBERT!



DON'T HAND ME ... OOOOF!

YOU BOUGHT THIS, RAYBERT!



I MAKE NO DEALS FOR THE INDIAN OIL / THEY'LL GET WHAT'S COMIN' TO THEM!



THE INDIAN BRAVES CELEBRATED THEIR WEALTH IN MANY WAYS ...

HOW I LOOK, CHEYENNE? / LIKE A POLITICIAN, NO?

YOU LOOK GREAT! HEY-- RAYBERT'S BACK AGAIN!



THE OIL DRILLS WENT DOWN... AND SOON THE FIRST CRUDE OIL WAS IN BARRELS ON ITS WAY TO THE REFINERY...

HERE, ANGRY BEAR! THIS IS FOR THE FIRST LOAD OF OIL / GOING TO BUY A NEW TEEPEE?

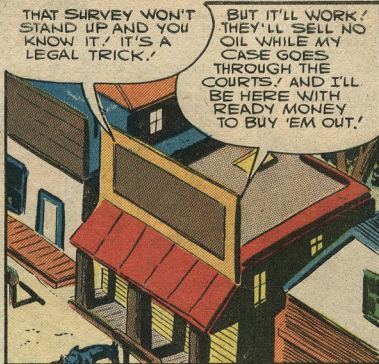
NO! PUT IN BANK LIKE WHITE MAN! / MAYBE OTHERS BE MORE FOOLISH!



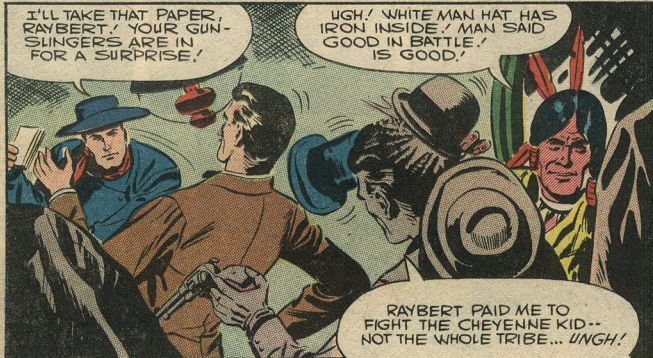
DON'T TAKE THE INJUNS' MONEY! THEY HAVE NO RIGHT TO SPEND IT! IT'S NOT THEIR S!



CHEYENNE KID



IT WAS A SHOW-DOWN! RAYBERT KNEW CHEYENNE WOULDN'T LET HIM SERVE THE PAPERS... AND HE HAD GUNMEN READY FOR CHEYENNE'S MOVE! BUT NOT READY ENOUGH...



CHEYENNE KID

in the 'BATTLE with the
BUREAUCRATS'

CHEYENNE KID

THE CHEYENNE KID WAS FAMED FOR HIS SKILL WITH A GUN OR HANDS IN A ROUGH AND TUMBLE FIGHT... BUT WHEN HE HAD TO BATTLE RED TAPE AND FORGED PAPERS, HE WAS LOST!

GET VORE GUNS!
THE INJUNS ARE
ON THE WAR...
HEY.'

DON'T SHOOT! THEY'RE
ONLY TRYING OUT THEIR
NEW GUNS! THEY'RE
NOT ON THE
WARPATH.'

AAAEEOOWW!'



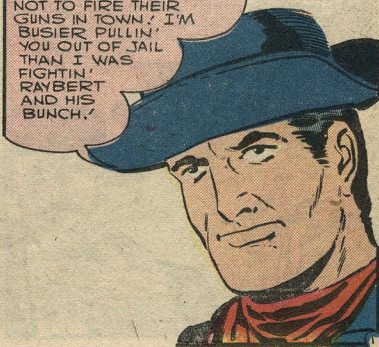
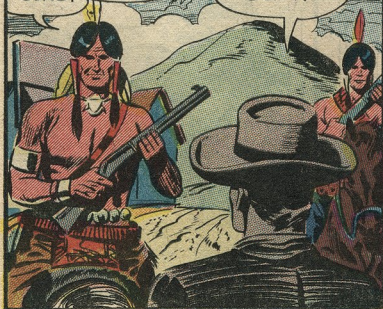
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PART II

WHY WHITE FOOD-
MAN HIDE? WE
SHOW OUR NEW
GUNS.'

I KNOW THAT,
BIG WOLF,
BUT THEY
DON'T.'

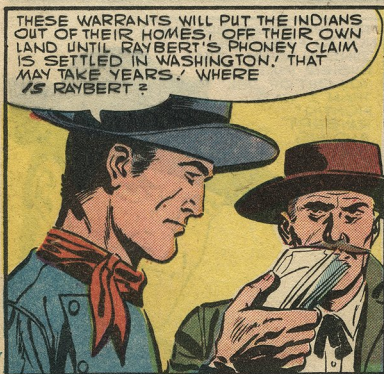
TELL THE OTHER BRAVES
NOT TO FIRE THEIR
GUNS IN TOWN! I'M
BUSIER PULLIN'
YOU OUT OF JAIL
THAN I WAS
FIGHTIN'
RAYBERT
AND HIS
BUNCH.'



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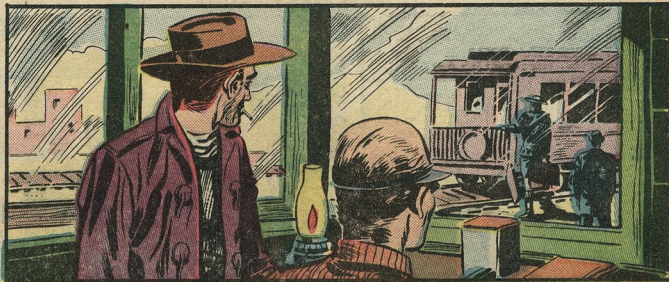


CHEYENNE JONES WENT AT ONCE TO THE U. S. MARSHAL'S OFFICE! MARSHAL NUXHALL WAS WAITING WITH MORE WARRANTS...



CHEYENNE KID

SO
CHEYENNE
JONES
LEFT
FOR
WASHING-
TON,
AND
HIS
DEPARTURE
DIDN'T
GO
UN-
NOTICED...



...AND THE CHEYENNE KID
LEFT FOR WASHINGTON
TODAY. SIGN IT DOBBS
AND SEND IT COLLECT
TO HARLOW RAYBERT
IN WASHINGTON.



CHEYENNE EXPECTED
TROUBLE IN THE CAPITAL...
BUT RAYBERT WASN'T
TAKING ANY CHANCES!
JUST OUTSIDE ST. LOUIS...



YUH LOOK FAMILIAR,
BUSTER! I KNOW
YOU FROM BACK
IN THE INDIAN
NATIONS.

THAT'S
RIGHT,
INJIN
LOVER!

YOU AIN'T
GOIN' TO
WASHING-
TON! YOU'RE
GETTIN'
OFF
HERE!

I WAS
ENJOYIN'
A PEACE-
FUL TRIP
UP TILL NOW,
BUT...



...YOU BOYS WANT
TROUBLE, YOU'VE
GOT IT.

GET OUT OF THE
WAY -- I'LL
FINISH THIS!



I WANT YOU MEN IN SHAPE
TO TALK OR I'D TOSS
YOU OFF THIS RATTLER!



CHEYENNE KID

THE TWO GUNMEN WERE LOCKED UP AT THE NEXT STOP... BUT RAYBERT DIDN'T GIVE UP! FOR THE RICH OIL LANDS, HE'D GO TO ANY EXPENSE...

LET GO, WILL YUH? CALL THE TRAIN DETECTIVE BUT TURN ME LOOSE! I DON'T KNOW THE GUY'S NAME WHO HIRED ME.

ALL RIGHT! BUT IF I CATCH YOU NEAR ME AGAIN, I'LL REALLY GET ROUGH!



LOOK, HORACE! A REPUBLICAN NO DOUBT!



BE CAREFUL, KLING! HE'S LUCKY -- AND TOUGH!

FOR FIVE GRAND, I'D TACKLE A DOZEN LIKE HIM! HERE I GO!



JUST KEEP WALKIN', CHEYENNE! THIS LITTLE POPGUN MAKES BIG HOLES!

RAYBERT'S STILL TRYIN', IS HE? I'M SICK OF THIS!



COME HERE, TINHORN! WE'LL FIND OUT ABOUT THIS SWINDLE OF YOURS TOGETHER!

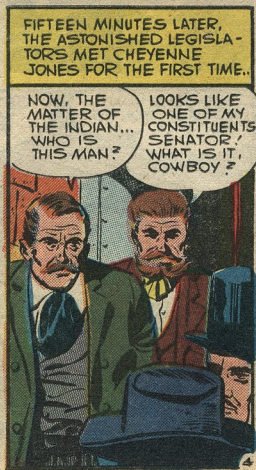
CALM DOWN, CHEYENNE! THAT MATTER IS OUT OF OUR HANDS! THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE IS WORKING ON IT NOW!



FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER, THE ASTONISHED LEGISLATORS MET CHEYENNE JONES FOR THE FIRST TIME..

NOW, THE MATTER OF THE INDIAN... WHO IS THIS MAN?

LOOKS LIKE ONE OF MY CONSTITUENTS, SENATOR! WHAT IS IT, COWBOY?

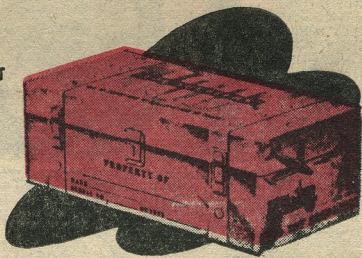


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THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE LISTENED TO THE TESTIMONY... THEN THEY SENT THE WITNESSES OUT WHILE THEY VOTED! CHEYENNE WAS MAD...



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HOW THE VALLEY GOT ITS NAME



The accidental discovery of gold on a branch of the Sacramento River in January, 1848, produced results not only in the life of our young country but also throughout the world. One immediate result was a mad rush of fortune seekers from the settled East, and also to some extent from all over the world. They had but one thing in common: The desire to get gold.

The gold seekers were determined to get to California and chiefly they took the overland route across the continent. More correctly one should say "routes." For they did travel a variety of pathways. The western limit of settlement at this time was the Missouri River. Although back of this line the greater portion of such modern states as Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and Arkansas was still an uninhabited wilderness.

The famous Oregon Trail had been followed by emigrants in considerable numbers for half a dozen years. By reason of this act and also probably by reason of its central location, this highway was utilized by the gold seekers more frequently than any other way.

Those who followed this central route commonly made their way from their respective starting points to Independence (Modern Kansas City), Missouri, or Kaneshville (Modern Council Bluffs), Iowa, which were the jumping off points for the journey across the plains. Here, the emigrants grouped themselves in wagon trains, having some sort of organization, since it was recognized that some degree of cooperation was essential to their safety. But the association was purely voluntary and the authority of the elected leaders was slight. Long before the journey's end, the train might resolve into its individual elements and new combination be formed. The hardships encountered in the passage were many and the dangers great.

As far as the South Pass the route to California was identical with the Oregon Trail. At the continental divide, however, the trails diverged. Emigrants bound for Oregon continued on in a northwesterly direction while the gold seekers turned southward in the direction of Great Salt Lake. From here the route more commonly followed led across northern Nevada in the direction of Sacramento, the center of the mining region.

But combinations of routes and deviations

were numerous. If you had a good guide and followed him, everything was fine. If you had a bad guide, there was disaster. But however there was another possibility: You could have a good guide and then refuse to listen to him because some ignoramus thought he knew more.

This happened to the party going to California in which we meet our hero: William L. Manly made this trip and left a record for us. They had an excellent guide in the person of Captain Jefferson Hunt. Had they followed Captain Hunt everything would have been fine. However they came into contact with another wagon train commanded by Captain Smith. They had a map made by one Williams of Salt Lake. He was a mountaineer who was represented to know all the routes through all the mountains of Utah. This map showed a route to turn off from the southern route. This map was frequently exhibited and discussed. People began to argue about which route to take. A general meeting was called. Captain Hunt told the people, "You all know I was hired to go by way of Los Angeles, but if you all wish to follow Smith I will go also. But if even one wagon decides to go the original route, I shall feel bound to go with that wagon."

Captain Hunt doubted if a white man ever went over that Smith route. He did not consider it safe for those who had wives and children to take the unknown road. Young men who had no families could possibly get through, and save time even if the road was not as good as the Los Angeles road.

So on their way they went. Finally they came to the turn off. Team after team turned to the right, while now and then one would keep straight ahead as it was first intended. Captain Hunt kept his word. He had to go on the original route. He wished the others a pleasant and happy journey.

The route went up the mountain. There was plenty of wood, water, and grass. Finally they came to what seemed the summit of a great mountain. Immediately in front was a canyon that was impassable for wagons. Men could go, and horses and mules, but not the wagons. So they stopped and sent out advance searching parties. They came back with the report that there was no way to go farther with the wagons. Some were sorry they had gone this

way and wished they had listened to Captain Hunt. They started to turn around and go back. They were scared about being trapped by snow.

There were twenty-seven wagons left when a group of the advance searching party came back with different news. They had found a pass and the wagons could go through. Manly was by himself and had no team. He assisted one of the families.

Onward went the group. Manly was curious about a sense of direction and he would take a pair of field glasses and climb the mountains by himself. He told the others they were going in the wrong direction. They made a shift in direction. Game of all kinds now became scarce. Then men got tired of carrying their guns and grew fearless of enemies.

The party kept rolling along as fast as possible. Water became more scarce all the time. Not a drop of rain had fallen since they had started on the cut off. The oxen began to look bad for they had poor food. Grass too became scarce. Where were they? They were entering a place later to be known as Death Valley!

They were running out of provisions. Manly went out with his gun to see if he could find any game. He returned one day to find that an ox had been slaughtered for food. Since these animals pulled the wagons the situation was desperate. The feet of the oxen became so sore that the men made moccasins for them.

Finally a meeting was called. No one was wiser than another for no one had explored the country or knew what to do. Deep in their hearts they feared to say the one terrible word: Lost! Questions came up in the meeting. "How long can we endure this work in this situation?" "How long will our oxen be able to endure the great hardship on the small nourishment they receive?" "How long can we provide ourselves with food?"

A Mr. Bennett made what seemed like a very sensible suggestion.

"Now I will make you a proposition. I propose that we select two of your youngest strongest men and ask them to take some food and go ahead on foot to try to seek a settlement and food. And we will go back to the good spring we have just left and wait for their return. It will surely not take more than ten days for the trip. And when they get back

we shall know all about the road and its character and how long it will take us to travel it. I think this is the best and safest way. Now what do you all say?"

Manly agreed to go and with him was John Rogers, a large, strong man from Tennessee. They were given supplies and money. The two men realized that the survival of the group depended upon them. They forced themselves to keep on going day and night. Finally they came into a beautiful meadow of green grass, and a herd of cattle were grazing peacefully. They met an American camper on his way to the gold fields. They met other people and explained the situation to them.

It was necessary to get food and animals which they did. One man gave them a present of twenty-five pounds of unbolted wheat flour. With horses and a mule they were ready to make the return trip. Up and down hills they went. Then through that dismal valley. And just like in fiction: They returned in time with the food. Everyone was saved!

But Manly had some news about how to travel. The wagons could never make it. They would have to turn the oxen into pack animals and abandon the wagons. But how would the young children travel? Mr. Bennett took his shirts and sewed them together. He made big pockets and the young children rode the oxen.

Manly says that when they returned to camp one day, they all took off their hats and said, "Good-bye Death Valley." He claims this is the correct origin of the name. And so more people had come to California. They all didn't rush to the gold mines at once because they needed money, supplies, and a chance to rebuild health.

One man set himself up in the boarding house business. Another got work as an ox driver. Some went into the business of buying and selling horses. What they had to learn was that there were other ways of getting gold. You just didn't have to mine it. You could make it in a variety of business enterprises. For the people coming to California had to be supplied with food, clothing, and working implements.

Manly, like other pioneers, never forgot these early days in his life. What it was to struggle against nature and to be lost. And what it was to be brave when the time came.

— THE END



CHEYENNE KID

MAN with **MANY TROUBLES**

THE NEWLY RICH BRAVES ATTRACTED A HORDE OF SHARPEERS EAGER TO SHARE IN THEIR WEALTH! ONLY THE CHEYENNE KID STOOD BETWEEN THE CROOKS AND THE INDIANS' RICHES ---

SMALL PEA UNDER THAT ONE!

WE SHALL SEE! IF YOU ARE RIGHT--THE GOLD IS YOURS! IF YOU ARE... MOVE ALONG, MISTER! THIS IS A PRIVATE GAME!

I WILL AS SOON AS YOU LIFT THAT SHELL AND SHOW THAT PEA! WE ALL KNOW IT'S THERE, TINHORN!



PART III

SUDDENLY, THE CON MAN'S DAY WAS RUINED! THE CHEYENNE KID HADN'T PULLED A GUN OR THREATENED TO BUY...

THERE'S THE PEA! GAME IS CLOSED FOR THE DAY!

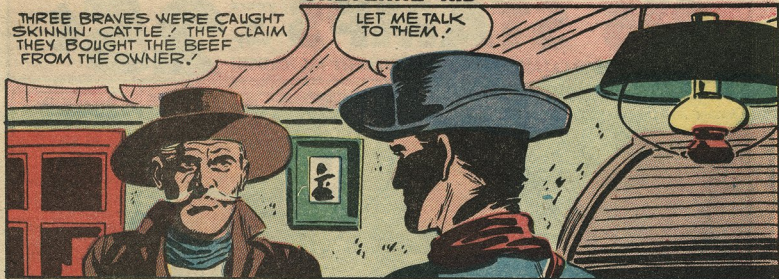
IT'S CLOSED FOR GOOD AS FAR AS THE INDIANS ARE CONCERNED! YOU'RE LUCKY THE PEA WAS THERE, FRIEND!

HEY, CHEYENNE! COME OVER HERE! YOU'VE GOT SOME MORE TROUBLE!

YOU'RE WRONG THIS TIME, SHERIFF! THAT BRAVE ISN'T A TROUBLE-MAKER!



CHEYENNE KID



THREE BRAVES WERE CAUGHT SKINNIN' CATTLE! THEY CLAIM THEY BOUGHT THE BEEF FROM THE OWNER.

LET ME TALK TO THEM.



IS THIS WHITE MAN'S JUSTICE? WE PAID FOR THE CATTLE! DO THEY WANT US TO PAY TWICE?

I'LL STRAIGHTEN IT OUT! WHAT DID THE MAN WHO TOOK YOUR MONEY LOOK LIKE?



AN HOUR LATER ...

HA, HA! WE SOLD 'EM THE BEEF AT A BARGAIN! I WOULD'VE TAKEN LESS TOO! IT WASN'T OUR BEEF.

TELL US MORE, FRIEND! THAT WAS PRETTY SHREWD!



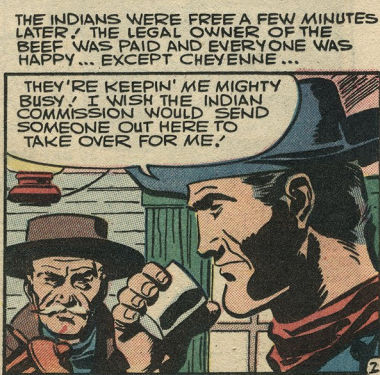
YEP, IT WAS A CINCH! THEY... WHO ARE YUH, MISTER?

IT'S THE CHEYENNE KID! WE WERE WARNED TO LOOK OUT FOR HIM!



THEY SHOULD'VE TOLD YOU NOT TO PULL A GUN, WHICH ONE OF YOU TOOK THE MONEY? QUICK, WHO GOT IT?

I... I HAVE IT! THEY CAN HAVE IT BACK, MISTER! WE WERE JOKIN'!



THE INDIANS WERE FREE A FEW MINUTES LATER! THE LEGAL OWNER OF THE BEEF WAS PAID AND EVERYONE WAS HAPPY... EXCEPT CHEYENNE...

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CHEYENNE KID

THEN THE CHEYENNE KID GOT MORE BAD NEWS. HARLOW RAYBERT WAS IN TOWN AND HAD ARRANGED A MEETING WITH THE CHIEF...



HOLD IT, RAYBERT! WHAT ARE YOU UP TO WITH MY FRIENDS?

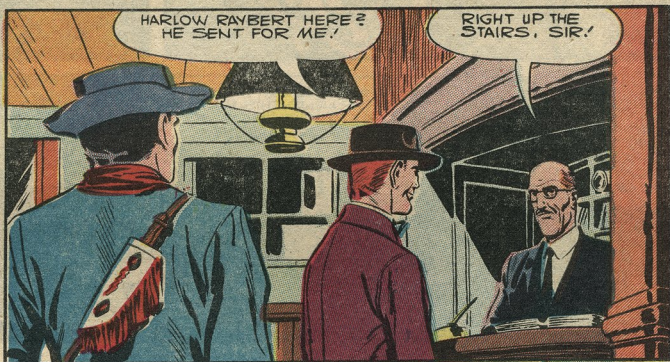
I'M GOING TO BUY THEIR LAND. THE INDIAN COMMISSION AGREED THAT THE PRICE I OFFERED IS FAIR!

YOU CAN'T STOP ME THIS TIME, CHEYENNE! I'M GOING TO PAY IN GOLD. THE PARLEY IS BETWEEN ME AN' THE CHIEFS. NO OUTSIDERS!

YOU'RE UP TO SOMETHING, RAYBERT! YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO BE HONEST!



RAYBERT HAD A SUITE IN THE HOTEL. THE CHEYENNE KID HEARD ABOUT IT WHEN THE GOLD WAS SHIPPED IN. HE COULDN'T PUT HIS FINGER ON IT, BUT HE KNEW SOMETHING WAS WRONG...



HARLOW RAYBERT HERE? HE SENT FOR ME!

RIGHT UP THE STAIRS, SIR!

HOW MANY OF THOSE OWLHOOTERS BEEN COMIN' TO SEE RAYBERT?

I WOULDN'T... QUITE A FEW, CHEYENNE! THEY'RE ALL OVER TOWN!



LATER, ON THE PORCH OUTSIDE RAYBERT'S ROOM...

HERE'S HALF YOUR PAY. RUSK WILL GIVE YOU YOUR ORDERS! REMEMBER--DON'T MENTION MY NAME TO ANYONE!

THIS IS GREAT! YOU PAY US TO ROB THE INDIANS--AN' WE KEEP THE GOLD WE GET FROM THEM TOO!



CHEYENNE KID

HOLD IT, BOSS. THERE'S SOMEONE OUT THERE!

I'LL DOUBLE YOUR SHARE IF YOU GET HIM. HURRY.



I'LL RUN THIS TIME. I DON'T WANT RAYBERT TO BACK OFF ON HIS PLAN.

I WING-ED 'IM, BOSS!

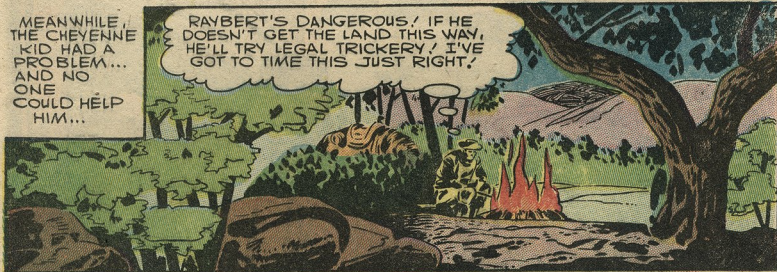


WHOEVER IT WAS, COULDN'T HEAR MUCH. TELL RUSK TO HAVE THE MEN READY TOMORROW. ALL THAT GOLD MAKES ME NERVOUS.



MEANWHILE, THE CHEYENNE KID HAD A PROBLEM... AND NO ONE COULD HELP HIM...

RAYBERT'S DANGEROUS. IF HE DOESN'T GET THE LAND THIS WAY, HE'LL TRY LEGAL TRICKERY. I'VE GOT TO TIME THIS JUST RIGHT.

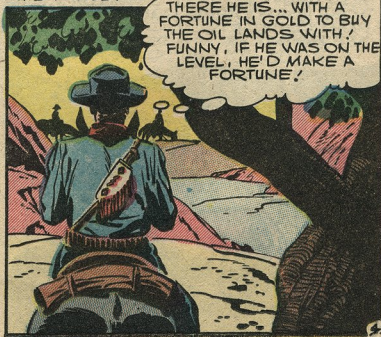


I'VE GOT TO ARRIVE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PARLEY. THE CHIEFS WON'T BE ARMED AND NONE OF THE OTHER BRAVES WILL BE THERE. IT'S A SWEET SET-UP FOR RAYBERT. I'LL THINK ABOUT THAT TOMORROW.



NEXT DAY, ON A BUTTE NEAR THE SITE OF THE PARLEY...

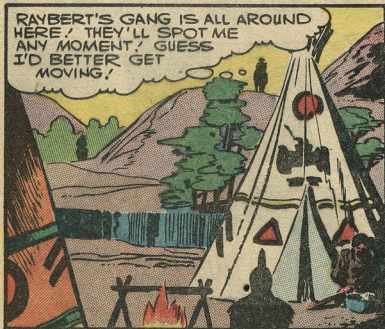
THERE HE IS... WITH A FORTUNE IN GOLD TO BUY THE OIL LANDS WITH. FUNNY, IF HE WAS ON THE LEVEL, HE'D MAKE A FORTUNE.



CHEYENNE KID

RAYBERT APPARENTLY WAS ALONE... BUT THE CHEYENNE KID KNEW BETTER...

RAYBERT'S GANG IS ALL AROUND HERE! THEY'LL SPOT ME ANY MOMENT! GUESS I'D BETTER GET MOVING!



WHAT'S **HE** DOING HERE? THE DEAL WAS TO MEET ME ALONE TO SEAL THE DEAL!

STOP, WHITE BROTHER! THE CROOKED ONE SPEAKS TRUTH THIS TIME!



I DIDN'T HORN IN TILL I LEARNED YOUR PLANS, RAYBERT! YOUR HIRED GUNSLINGERS ARE OUT THERE WAITIN' FOR YOUR SIGNAL!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN! WHAT GUNSLINGERS? I DON'T SEE ANYONE!



THEY'RE THERE, RAYBERT, AN' YOU KNOW IT! THIS GOLD YOU BROUGHT-- MOST OF IT IS COUNTERFEIT! WHY STEAL COUNTERFEIT MONEY?

YOU'LL NEVER KNOW, CHEYENNE, MY MEN ARE COMING NOW!



THE AMBUSH WAS PERFECT! A DOZEN GUN-SLINGERS WERE PITTED AGAINST TWO MEN-- ONE UN-ARMED...

GRAB A GUN, CHIEF! THESE RANNIES DON'T AIM TUH LEAVE ANYONE TO DO ANY TALKIN'!

GET THE CHEYENNE KID! NEVER MIND THE INJUN!



CHEYENNE KID



LATER, IN THE OFFICE OF THE NEW INDIAN COMMISSION...



all MAN

THEY WATCHED HIM CLOSELY AS HE RODE INTO TOWN. THEIR EYES ON HIS SINEWY FRAME, AND LINGERED HOPEFULLY ON HIS LOW SLUNG GUNBELT----

IF HE'S THE NEW SHERIFF
WE'VE BEEN WAITING
FOR, WE'LL BE ABLE TO
BREATHE EASY FROM
HERE ON IN!

YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN!
FROM THE LOOKS OF
HIM-- HE'S ALL MAN!



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THE FIRST TO SPEAK UP WAS DAVE BLODGET,
THE HEAD OF THE CITIZENS' COMMITTEE
THAT HAD BEEN TRYING IN VAIN TO MAINTAIN
LAW AND ORDER---

HOWDY, STRANGER!
WELCOME TO---



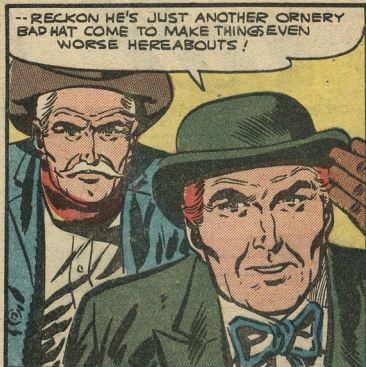
MOVE ASIDE,
MISTER!

HEY?!!



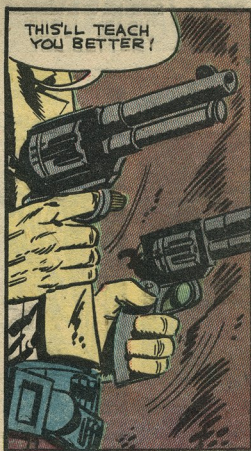
CHEYENNE KID

THEY WATCHED IN STUNNED SILENCE AS HE WENT INTO THE SALOON. AGAIN BLODGETT SPOKE--

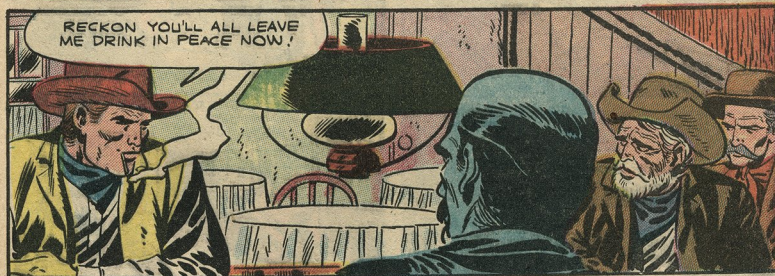


AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THE STRANGER WAS DOING ALREADY INSIDE THE SALOON--

MAKING THINGS WORSE--!



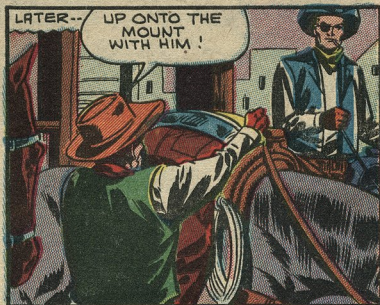
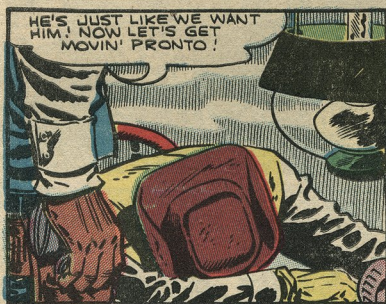
CHEYENNE KID



BUT EVEN AS THE STRANGER UPTURNED THE SHINING BOTTLE---



CHEYENNE KID



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CHEYENNE KID

AFTER A LONG RIDE---

EASY DOES
IT, MISTER!

HEY-- WHERE AM I?
WHY, I'LL---



YOU'RE HERE TO MEET UP WITH THE
BOSS OF THE GANG THAT RUNS EVERY-
THING HEREABOUTS. WE NEED NEW
BLOOD -- AND YOU CAUGHT THE BOSS'S
EYE AS SOON AS YOU RODE
INTO TOWN!



BOSS?
WHAT
BOSS--?

HERE I AM,
STRANGER!



* YOU?!!

YUP-- ME, DAVE
BLODGETT! I
RECKON I GOT
EVERYBODY
FOOLED, POSIN'
AS HEAD O' THE
CITIZENS' COM-
MITTEE. GIVE 'IM
BACK HIS GUNS,
MEN!



FOLKS HEREABOUTS ARE
GETTIN' TOO EDGY LATELY --
THEY'VE GONE SO FAR AS
TO CALL IN A SHERIFF WHOM
THEY'RE WAITING FOR NOW!

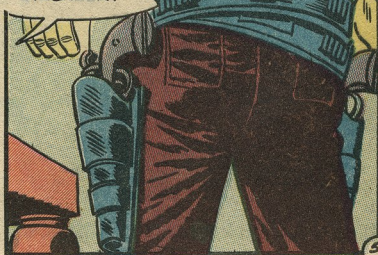


THAT MEANS WE CAN
USE AN EXTRA GOOD
GUN HAND!

WHAT MAKES YOU
THINK I FIT THE
BILL?



THE WAY YOU CARRY YOUR GUNBELT--THE
WAY YOU HANDLE YOUR FISTS! YOU'RE
ALL RIGHT, MISTER--
ANY SIDE YOU CHOOSE
TO FIGHT ON JUST
HAS TO BE
STRONGER!



CHEYENNE KID

IT WAS THEN THAT THE STRANGER'S HANDS
SNAKED TOWARD HIS HOLSTERS---

CLEAR LEATHER, MEN! HE'S
DRAWING ON US!



THE SMOKE
CLEARED!

NOBODY
WAS HURT--

BUT EVERY-
BODY'S
JAW WAS
HANGING
SLACK
WITH
SHOCK ---

EXCEPT
THE
STRANGER'S!

D-DID YOU SEE
THAT DRAW?

FAST AS
LIGHTNIN'!

WE DIDN'T STAND
A CHANCE!



RECKON I PLAYED MY
HAND RIGHT! I'M THE
SHERIFF EVERYBODY'S
BEEN WAITIN' FOR! I
FIGURED IF I'D MADE OUT
LIKE ANOTHER BADHAT
YOU'D TRY RECRUITIN' ME--
AND THAT WAY I'D GET TO
MEET THE SECRET BOSS
HIMSELF!



NOW MOUNT UP -- ALL OF
YOU! WE'RE HEADIN'
BACK FOR TOWN -- FOR
THE LOCK-UP!



WHAT ELSE COULD THEY DO?
HE CHOSE TO FIGHT ON THE
SIDE OF THE LAW -- AND ANY
SIDE HE FOUGHT ON, JUST
HAD TO BE STRONGER! HE
WAS ALL MAN!



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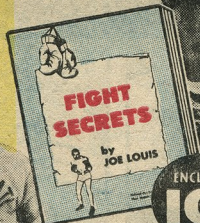
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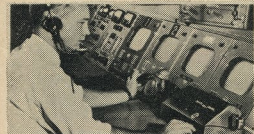
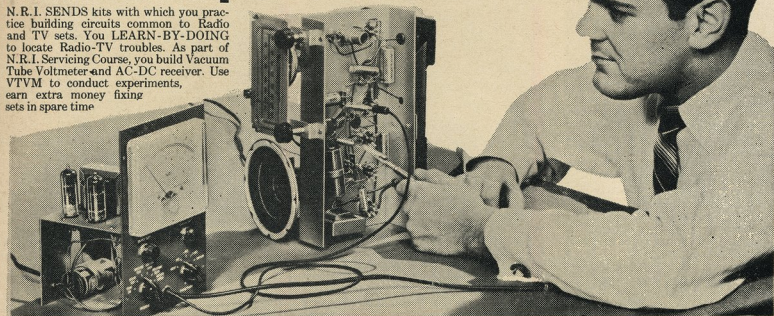
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